

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5-10-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-9,11-14,16-19 and 21-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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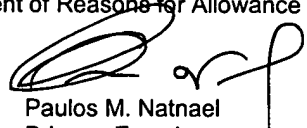
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims **1-4,6-9, 21, 22,26** are allowable over the prior art.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to disclose a combination of the following method and apparatus limitations comprising: a formatter configured to format a plurality of data frames of received in a transport stream by inserting a plurality of synchronization data into said data frames to produce a block stream; an error correction encoder configured to encode said block stream to produce an error protected block stream; an interleave module configured to interleave protected block stream to produce a data stream; an inserter configured to insert a synchronization signal into said data stream; and a turbo encoder configured to encode said data stream to produce an encoded stream, as in claim 1; a method for transmitting comprising the steps of: formatting a plurality of data frames received in a transport stream by inserting a plurality of synchronization data into said data frames to produce a block stream; error correction encoding said block stream to produce an error protected block stream; interleaving said error protected block stream to produce a data stream; inserting a synchronization signal into said data, turbo encoding said data stream to produce encoded stream, as claim 6; a converter configured to convert a symbol stream into an encoded stream comprising a plurality of symbols into an encoded stream; turbo decoder configured to decode said encoded stream to produce an data stream; a synchronization remover configured to remove a

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synchronization signal from said data stream; a de-interleave module configured to arrange said data stream into an error protected block stream; an error correction decoder configured to decode said error protected block stream to produce a block stream, a formatter configured to remove a plurality of synchronization data from a plurality of data frames within said block stream to produce a transport stream, as in claim 11 and its equivalent method claim of 16;

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paulos M. Natnael whose telephone number is (571) 272-7354. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00am - 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571)272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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